

High Flight Highlights

As High Flight continues with an already successful 1999, we welcome back our bass guitarist TSgt Blake Waters, who graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey in February. We are also happy to announce the arrival of our new vocalist TSgt Darden Safley, who successfully completed basic military training in December. She hit the ground running and is already catching up with the complete High Flight repertoire. Her debut performance will be for Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael E. Ryan.

The annual Guest Artist Series at Constitution Hall is well underway and various High Flight members have been performing weekly with artists including Keiko Matsui, Freda Payne and Janie Fricke. As the series continues, we look forward to lending our support for the concert featuring Melba Moore on March 7.

In addition to participating in public performances by The USAF Band, High Flight is keeping a busy schedule of other Air Force events. On February 26, our

group presented a program for the 11th Wing Annual Awards Ceremony, which recognized outstanding men and women of the 11th Wing. The annual Worldwide Air Force Public Affairs Conference is coming up in March and High Flight is one of the units of The Air Force Band that will supply entertainment for the final dinner of this event. Finally, we are diligently preparing our newest show that will premiere on May 1 at the annual Charity Ball.

As part of our continuing effort to reach out to the local community, High Flight is scheduled to headline for the international *America Sings* concert on April 30 here in the Washington, D.C. area. This event gives thousands of students the opportunity to gather in the metropolitan area for a huge show choir concert. We are excited about this chance to work with America's young talent.

As you can see, High Flight is busy as usual and things are going well. More to follow! —TSgt Shani Prewitt

BRASS BIZ

The Ceremonial Brass will be performing arrival ceremonies throughout the months of March and April, honoring dignitaries from Portugal, Italy, Australia and South Korea. We are also scheduled to perform a patriotic opening for the Goddard Memorial Dinner sponsored by the National Space Club. Look for The Ceremonial Band on March 14 when we march in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, D.C. The group includes The Ceremonial Brass as well as other members of the squadron.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Our nation's capitol will host several commemorative activities and The Ceremonial Brass will be supporting events that are planned for the end of April.

SMSgt John Pursell performed a trumpet recital on February 21, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Garrison Forest, Md. In addition he will be presenting two clinics and a short solo recital at the Williamstown High School in New Jersey on March 22-23, and will be the featured soloist at the Spring Concert of the Faust High School Band in Chambersburg, Pa., on April 9. MSgt Gil Corella gave a tuba performance at the St. Valentine's Day Banjo Massacre in Allenberry, Pa., on February 14. He hopes to have the strings and frets cleaned off of his tuba in time for a concert in the Chamber Players Series at Montgomery College on April 20. —MSgt Robert Cheal

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